

Byte Bandits Of America

Newsletter

January, 1986

THE BYTE BANDITS OF AMERICA -TRS-80'S- COMPUTER CLUB WISHES TO EXTEND TO ALL IT'S GUEST'S AND MEMBERS "A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR" HAPPY 1986

AS WE CONTINUE FORWARD INTO THE COMPUTER ERA, WE SHOULD LOOK FORWARD TOWARDS HOW TO MAKE THE COMPUTER WORK FOR US----LIKE STARTING AGAIN BALANCING OR KEEPING TRACK OF THE BILLS EACH MONTH, OR SENDING OUT LETTERS THOSE LETTERS TO THE RELATIVES THAT WE PROMISED THEM WE WOULD WRITE. OR, HOW ABOUT LESS TIME AT THE COMPUTER AND MORE TIME FIXING THINGS AROUND THE HOUSE OR ON THE CAR? I KNOW EVERYONE WITH CHILDREN WANTS TO TEACH THEM HOW NOT TO MESS THINGS UP AROUND DADDIES COMPUTER? YES, AND MAYBE IT'S TIME TO TEACH THEM HOW TO USE THE COMPUTER? GOD FORBID MAYBE EVEN MOM? WELL, YOU COULD TRY TO FIGURE OUT YOUR INCOME TAXES THIS YEAR!

HAS ANYONE FOUND A LOCAL STORE THAT SELLS TRS-80 PROGRAMS AND HARDWARE? SCARCE AREN'T THEY? WHERE IS EVERYBODY BUYING? IS ANYONE BUYING? I'VE BOUGHT MOST OF MY PROGRAMS FROM THE MAIL ORDER HOUSES. MAYBE WE SHOULD POST A LIST OF STORES, OTHER THAN RADIO SHACK, THAT SELL TRS-80 PROGRAMS AND OTHER ACCESSORIES.

HOW ABOUT THOSE NEW COMPUTERS COMING OUT IN 1986? DO YOU PLAN TO BUY ONE? DO YOU REALLY NEED TO BUY ONE? IS YOUR COMPUTER OUTDATED OR ARE YOU USING OUTDATED PROGRAMS? CAN YOU AFFORD A NEW COMPUTER? THESE QUESTIONS MAKE SENSE WHEN YOU ANALIZE YOUR CASH AND YOUR DESIRES. THE REASON I ASK THESE QUESTIONS TO THOSE WHO ARE GOING TO BUY IS: MOST OF THE OLDER COMPUTERS OPERATE MORE PRODUCTIVELY THAN THE NEWER COMPUTERS. MOST OF THE COMPUTER USERS COULD IMPROVE THEIR OLDER COMPUTERS BY PUTTING A FEW DOLLARS INTO PROGRAMS OR EQUIPMENT, A LOT LESS THAN A NEW COMPUTER COSTS. MOST COMPUTER OWNERS COULD LEARN A LOT ABOUT THE BETTER PROGRAMS AND HARDWARE FROM OTHER CLUB MEMBERS AT THE CLUB MEETINGS. ANYWAY, BEFORE YOU SELL THE OLD COMPUTER, THINK ABOUT THE INVESTMENT.

REMEMBER!!THE PROBLEMS DON'T GO AWAY, THEY JUST BECOME MORE EXPENSIVE TO SOLVE.

REMINDER!!!! DUES FOR THE CLUB ARE A NEW REQUIREMENT!!!!

\$25.00 PER YEAR
!!THE BBS SYSTEM WAS REFORMATTED SO WHEN YOU LOG ON TO IT, GET A NEW PASSWORD AND THEN GO TO THE TRS-80 SECTION. IF YOU HAVE TIME, UPLOAD OR DOWNLOAD SOMETHING. YOU CAN EVEN LEAVE A FEW MESSAGES IF YOUR REALLY BORED.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEBODY WHO IS USING RADIO SHACK'S LINE PRINTER 8. I HAVE SOME OTHER CLUB MEMBER WHO NEEDS THE PAGES SHOWING THE DIP SWITCH SETTINGS. RADIO SHACK DOESN'T HAVE THAT BOOK AT THE COMPUTER CENTER. CALL ME OR BRING A COPY OF THAT PAGE WITH YOU TO THE MEETING. DO YOU KNOW WE HAVE A 5HZ SCOPE IN THE CLUB? IT'S AVAILABLE FOR ELECTRONICS PROJECTS.

THERE ARE SOME VIDEO TAPES THAT BELONG TO THE CLUB TOO. THEY TEACH USAGE OF VIISICAL-SCRIPTSIT-AND PROFILE. THESE CAN BE CHECKED OUT AT THE MEETINGS.

IF YOU WISH TO INPUT ARTICALS ECT. TO THE NEWSLETTER, DROP IT OFF AT THE MEETINGS. IF YOU WISH TO RUN THE NEWSLETTER, LET ME KNOW. YOU CAN USE THE IBM FOR YOUR PRINT COPY.

SHOULD YOU WISH TO USE THE CLUB'S IBM CLONE COMPUTER LET ME KNOW BY CALLING 408-379-2774. REMEMBER IT DON'T LEAVE MY HOME.

IF YOU'RE GOING TO LOOK FOR NEW PARTS AND HARDWARE FOR YOUR MODEL I OR III, YOU MAY WANT TO SCAN "80-MICRO" ADS FROM "MONTEZUMA MICRO" OR "AEROCOMP" SHOW HARDWARE NOT FOUND LOCALLY OR THRU RADIO SHACK AND THE PRICES ARE O.K. THERE IS A COMPANY AD IN "NUTS AND BOLTS" THAT HAVE MEMORY UP-GRADES, ETC. ALSO.

I WAS AT THE SWAP MEET AT SANTA CLARA FAIRGROUNDS LAST MONTH AND SAW A MODEL I FOR SALE FOR \$400.00. THAT OLD MACHINE RUNS COOL AND HAS MORE POWER THAN THE NEW MODELS. DID YOU KNOW THAT THE OLD MODEL I PROGRAMS ARE BEING ADAPTED BY THE NEW COMPUTER PROGRAMMERS AND THEY'RE BEING SOLD AS THE LATEST NEW PROGRAMS? WE HAVE SOME OF THE OLDEST (NEWEST) PROGRAMS ON THE MARKET - AND - THEY'RE BUG FREE.

THE MODEL 3, 4, AND 4P ARE ALL USING THE SAME PROGRAMS AND WHEN YOU SWITCH DRIVES, YOU'RE REALLY OPERATING AS THE SAME MACHINES. THE NEW MODEL 4'S ARE USING DOUBLE SIDED 80 TRACK DRIVES. THE MODEL 3 SIDE OF THE MODEL 4 COMPUTERS NOW CAN EASILY USE THE MEMORY IN THE MODEL 4. THEY ARE STUCK USING "TRSDOS" (ALL 20 VERSIONS) - OH WELL! THE 4P IS STILL WORKING NORMALLY. MAYBE THESE MACHINES WILL ALL UNITE UNDER CPM.

BOO! THIS IS REALLY A HARD SECTION TO WRITE ABOUT, IT'S LIKE REWRITING THE OLD MODEL 1 ALL OVER AGAIN. NEW PROGRAMS - NEW HARDWARE - MORE AND MORE BUGS! YES, THAT IS THE IBM COMPATIBLES WORLD. WE DO HAVE SOME MEMBERS WHO REALLY LIKE THE RADIO SHACK WORLD OF IBM. THEIR SUPPORT OF THIRD PARTIES SOFTWARES MAKE IT EASY TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEM, AND - NO MORE "TRSDOS" TO DRIVE THE "MS-DOS" USER CRAZY!

DID YOU KNOW THAT WITHOUT A DMA CHIP, RUNNING IN THE IBM WORLD IS IMPOSSIBLE? THE MODEL 1000 DOESN'T HAVE ONE THAT IS USABLE WITH IBM PROGRAMS? "BEWARE" THAT MAKES IT A RADIO SHACK ONLY MACHINE AND, ALONG WITH ITS 10 INCH BOARDS, IT'S TURNING INTO A REAL LOSER.

THERE IS A NEW MODEL SNEAKING IN UNANNOUNCED. IT'S THE MODEL 3000. IT LOOKS LIKE A MACHINE THAT WILL FIT BETWEEN THE 1200HD AND THE 2000. NOTHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED OR ANNOUNCED YET. I SAW THE AD IN SUNDAY'S NEWSPAPER. HELL, I WAS IN THE R/S CENTER SATURDAY AND SAW NOTHING ABOUT IT AT ALL.

AT THE LAST MONTH'S MEETING WE INSTALLED THE "BASIC" CHIPS IN THE CLUB'S IBM XT COMPATIBLE. NEXT, WE PUT IN THE 5 MEG HARD DRIVE AND THAT WILL COMPLETE IT.

WE DID SPEND A LITTLE MONEY ON THE MACHINE. WE ORDERED THE COPY PC 2 OPTION BOARD FOR THE MACHINE; IF ANYONE WISHES TO, IT COSTS \$95.00, AND IT WILL BE A GREAT HELP IN MAKING BACKUP DISKS, ECT. SO WE DON'T KILL OFF THE ORIGINAL PROGRAM DISK WHEN WE GO IN TO MODIFY THE DISK. "DEBUG" IS THE FASTEST WAY TO DIE!

I HAVE THE NAME AND A LIST OF ORIGINAL PROGRAMS - HARDWARES FROM A COMPANY IN SAN MATEO THAT IS SWITCHING TO A BIGGER AND BETTER SYSTEM. THEY SENT ME A LISTING OF

ABOUT TWENTY MODEL 2 PROGRAMS. THEY WISH TO SELL VERY CHEAP! I HAVE THAT LIST AT MY HOME IN CAMPBELL, IF YOU'RE INTERESTED.

I WAS AT THE RADIO SHACK STORE LAST WEEK AND CHECKED ON THE MODEL 600 PORTABLE. IT REALLY LOOKS GOOD. IT IS PRETTY MUCH DESIGNED LIKE THE 100, BUT IT HAS THE BUILT-IN 3.5" DISK DRIVE. THE STORE MANAGER DIDN'T HAVE ANY LITERATURE ON IT, SO I DIDN'T OPERATE IT. DID YOU NOTICE THAT IT'S ONLY 16 LINES ON THE SCREEN? THE LARGE 25 LINE SCREEN THE 200 USES MUST NOT HAVE BEEN A GOOD IDEA.

HAS ANYONE BOUGHT THE "PIC-DISK" ADVERTISED IN 80-MICRO? IT COMES WITH THE T-MAKER SERIES OF 3 PROGRAMS INTEGRATE INTEGRATED PROGRAMS AND AN EXTRA 32K RAM. IT LOOKS LIKE A GOOD WAY TO ADD A DISK SYSTEM TO THE 100 OR THE 200.

IS THERE ANYBODY OUT THERE WHO HAS THE 100-200 FULLY CONNECTED TO ALL THE ACCESSORIES? HAS ANYONE CONNECTED THEIR 100 DIRECTLY TO ANOTHER MACHINE FOR UPLOADING AND DOWNLOADING PROGRAMMING? WE JUST WENT THROUGH THE COMPLETE CYCLE USING THE MODEL 1 AND VIDEOTEX PLUS AND WITH MODEM 80. BOTH MACHINES FUNCTIONED WELL WITH NO INCOMPATIBILITIES.

THE MODEL 200 WAS SUCCESSFULLY ADAPTED TO AN OKIDATA PRINTER AT THE MEETING LAST MONTH. THE 82A AND THE "TEXT" WORD

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PROCESSOR WORKS WELL TOGETHER.

IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO CHANGE BATTERIES FREQUENTLY. THOSE GOOD OLD R/S BATTERIES WILL LET YOU DOWN AT THE WRONG TIMES. PUT A LITTLE STICKER TAB ON THE COMPUTER FRONT TO REMIND YOURSELF OF YOUR LAST BATTERY CHANGE.

WELCOME NEW Club Members

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4TH. WED. LECTURE MEETING 1986

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FOR YOUR COMPUTERS

BASIC PROGRAMMING

PROGRAMS "INSTALLATION" IN YOUR

COMPUTER

CARE AND CLEANING OF COMPUTER

ACCESSORIES

COMPUTER BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND YOU

COMPUTER SCHOOLS

-COURSES-CLASSES

COMPUTER UTILITY PROGRAMS

COPY PROTECTION-COPYING

PROGRAMS

PROGRAMMING ERRORS AND REPAIRS

COMPUTER CLUB REVIEW

PRINTERS-PATCHES-PROBLEMS

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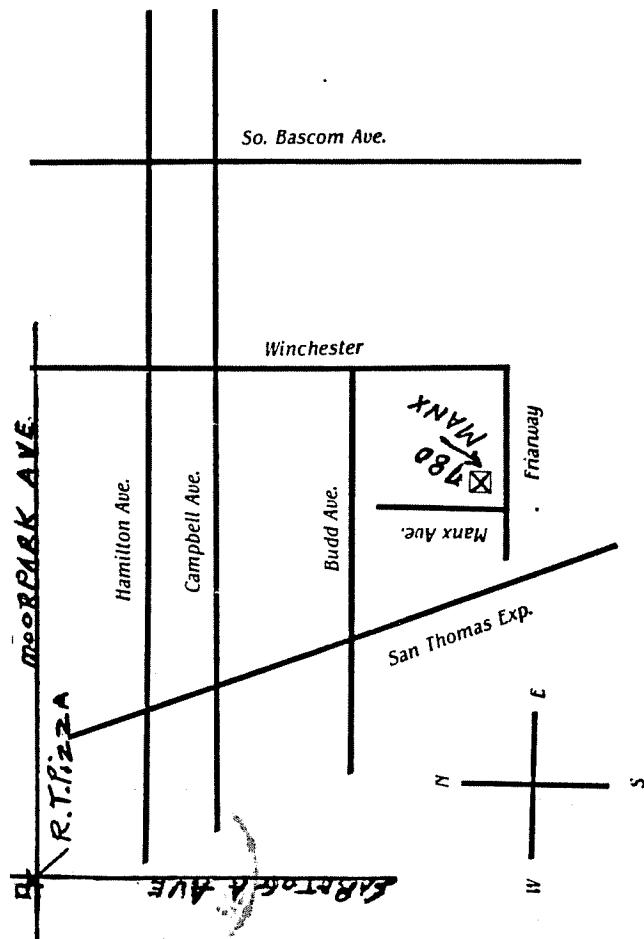
2nd Sat 1 p.m. Our House.
Workshop <Bring Computers>

4th Wed. 6 p.m. Round Table Pizza
Formal Lectures etc.

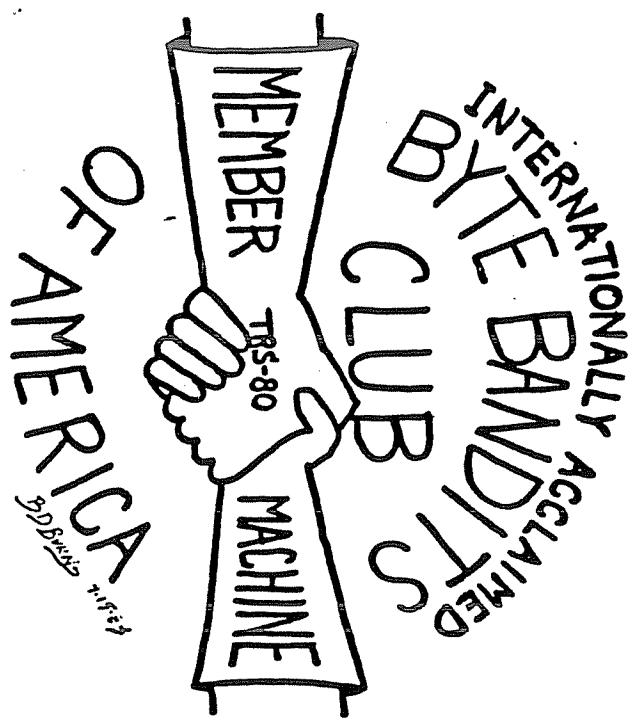
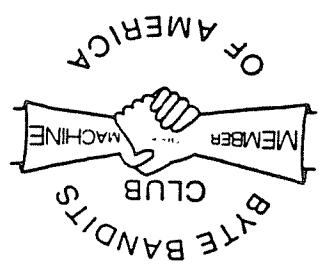
1. Membership Card Required
2. Guests : By Appointment only

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This club has been established to provide its members total computer knowledge using "hands-on" application during the meetings. For better understanding of existing hardware and software in an informal—social club atmosphere.

We hope to provide members close contact between novice and amateur home computer enthusiasts; young and old, male and female, school, home, business and hobbyist.

